Damage caused to Bhabha Atomic Research Centre by Rain

1608. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the scientists working on research programmes as Bhabha Atomic Research Centre have been rendered jobless due to damage caused to the sophisticated equipment at the Centre by incessant rainfall in Bombay a few weeks ago;

(b) whether the actual losses have been assessed;

(c) whether the problem became acute due to faults in the civil constructions and lack of foresight of civil engineers;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) further corrective steps being contemplated on urgent basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The loss is not significant. Most of the aflected instruments have already been brought into working condition.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The downpour was unprecedented, resulting in landslides. However, owing to adequate safety measures and civil engineering features, only the basement of one laboratory out of the many buildings at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre was affected temporarily.

(e) As a measure of abundant caution, it is proposed to provide multiple barriers, strengthen the evisting drainage system, and relocate some equipment.

Rocket pods incilently felling from MIG Aircraft

1609. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two rocket pods accidentally fell from an M.I.G. aircraft in S-11 Chandigarh on 16th July, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the incident; and

(c) the findings of the enquiry, if any, conducted in the incident?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Two rocket pods accidentally felt of from an IAF aircraft on July 16, 1991. at Chandigarh. One of the pdos fell in the rear portion of a house in Sector 11, causing certain damage to the verandah floor and a desert cooler. The second pod fell in an open area outside the boundary wall of a School. There was no other damege or injury. The Court of Inquiry, which investigated the incident, has indicated that, most probably, it was caused by the malfunctioning of the electrical system meant for emergency jettisoning of the pods. A final report in the matter is awaited.

Impact of multinationals on Small Scale Industry

1610. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken into consideration the likely impact of entry of multinationals and large units in small scale industry units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to protect such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the new industrial policy, industries reserved for the Small Scale Sec-